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## **ASX Announcement**

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# LATIN INCREASES CORNERSTONE INVESTMENT IN SOLIS MINERALS TO 17.79%

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Latin acting as a cornerstone investor, has committed to invest \$3m into Solis Minerals Limited at \$0.55 per share as part of Solis's oversubscribed \$8m capital raise, announced today.
- Latin's interest will increase by 4.66% to 17.79% and will now hold ~13,392,703 shares in Solis (post completion).
- Funds raised will be applied towards advancing exploration of Solis's recently acquired Jaguar Lithium Project.
- The Jaguar Lithium Project contains significant prospective pegmatites and Latin is confident that Solis will deliver on the full potential of the project.

Latin Resources Limited (ASX: LRS) ("Latin" or "the Company") is pleased to provide an update on its substantial 13.13% holding in Solis Minerals Limited (ASX: SLM) ("Solis").

Today, Solis announced¹ that it has successfully received firm commitments to raise approximately A\$8 million (before costs) through a placement of new fully paid ordinary shares ("New Shares") to sophisticated and professional investors ("Placement").

Acting in its capacity as a cornerstone investor, the Company, alongside sophisticated and professional investors, has committed to participate in the Placement with an investment of \$3m, subscribing to ~5,454,545 fully paid ordinary shares in Solis at \$0.55 per share, which is expected to increase the Company's interest in Solis from ~13.13% to ~17.79% (post completion). The Company's participation in the Placement will be funded from existing cash reserves with the issue of New Shares being subject to Solis shareholder approval at an upcoming general meeting, expected in July 2023.

The Company is in a strong position with \$50.2m in cash and no debt, with the ability to invest in Solis representing a significant value proposition to gain further exposure to the Brazilian lithium market.

Solis intends to apply funds raised from the Placement towards exploration works and associated acquisition fees for Solis's recently acquired Jaguar Lithium Project<sup>2</sup> ("Jaguar") in Northeast Brazil.

The Jaguar Lithium Project contains significant prospective pegmatite targets<sup>2</sup> with 4.95% Li<sub>2</sub>O returned from rock chip samples and a geological setting consistent with other hard rock lithium provinces in Brazil, notably the Company's Salinas project. Solis expects to commence drilling on Jaguar in June 2023, with Latin intending to support Solis by making available its exploration guidance and country experience.

The Company is confident that Solis will undertake a successful exploration program and deliver on the full potential of Jaguar.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to Solis's ASX Announcement dated 8 June 2023, entitled "Solis Receives Firm Commitments for 8M AUD Placement" for further details

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refer to Solis's ASX Announcement dated 31 May 2023, entitled "Solis Executes Option to Acquire Lithium Project in Brazil



Refer to Solis's ASX announcement dated 8 June 2023, entitled "Solis Receives Firm Commitments for 8M AUD Placement" for further details of the Placement.

### Latin Resources' Managing Director, Chris Gale commented:

"Latin has a very focused approach in developing its 100% owned Salinas Lithium Project. However, we are delighted to provide support to Solis by way of this cornerstone investment to fund exploration at its recently acquired Jaguar Lithium Project in Brazil. Furthermore, we are pleased to be in a position to provide exploration guidance and country experience to support the team at Solis.

"The opportunity for hard rock lithium in Brazil is significant, and the early mapping of the extensive pegmatite body at Jaguar shows that Bahia State has potential to become a new lithium province. We have great confidence that the Solis team will progress this project to potentially become a Latin 2.0.

"This investment also presents an exciting opportunity for Latin to continue to support the growth of the lithium industry in Brazil, which we believe is on track to be one of the top lithium producing countries in the coming years."

#### **Ends**

This Announcement has been authorised for release to ASX by the Board of Latin Resources.

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#### **About Latin Resources**

Latin Resources Limited (ASX: LRS) is an Australian-based mineral exploration company, with projects in South America and Australia, that is developing mineral projects in commodities that progress global efforts towards Net Zero emissions.

The Company is focused on its flagship Salinas Lithium Project in the pro-mining district of Minas Gerais Brazil, where the Company has defined a Maiden Mineral Resource Estimate of 13.3Mt @ 1.2% Li<sub>2</sub>O with an exploration target of 22Mt at its Colina Deposit\*. Latin has appointed leading mining consultant SGS Geological Services to undertake feasibility and metallurgical studies at the Salinas Lithium Project. Latin also holds the Catamarca Lithium Project in Argentina and through developing these assets, aims to become one of the key lithium players to feed the world's insatiable appetite for battery metals.

The Australian projects include the Cloud Nine Halloysite-Kaolin Deposit. Cloud Nine Halloysite is being tested by CRC CARE aimed at identifying and refining halloysite usage in emissions reduction, specifically for the reduction in methane emissions from cattle.

\*For full details of the Colina Deposit MRE and Exploration Target, please refer to ASX Announcement dated 8 December 2022.



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